

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MATSUZAKI et al.

Application No.: **10/790,224**

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING
L-ARGININE OR L-LYSINE BY
FERMENTATION

Art Unit: 1656

Examiner: David J. Steadman

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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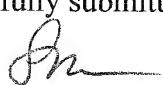
Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, one month(s) to May 27, 2006.

The period for response has previously been extended to .

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